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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
General Assembly  
Committee on Judiciary  
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**I OPPOSE SB16** – An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime

**I OPPOSE RHB 5416** – An Act Concerning Bulk Purchase of Pistols and Revolvers.

**I SUPPORT SB 388** – An Act Concerning the Defense of a Person or A Person's Dwelling, Place of Work or Motor Vehicle.

**I SUPPORT HB 5415** – An Act Concerning the Transfer of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines.

**I SUPPORT HB 5412** – An Act Concerning the Duty to Retreat in a Religious House Of Worship.

**SB 16** – I oppose this bill for many reasons where I believe this bill overextends that power of our state, putting legal firearms owners at risk of not being legal once again. This bill extends the already stretched definition of Assault Weapon to include 22 Cal rifles that have added cosmetic features. These rifles were intentionally excluded from definition in 2013 and are now incrementally added.

The so-called definition of Ghost guns is now being expanded to force registration of previously owned home-built handguns (federally Legal). Incrementalism again since last years passed Ghost gun bill. Locations for legal carry are being reduced again creating more gun-Free zones. We have proven that a Gun-free zone is unsafe, and criminals target these areas because we cannot carry a firearm for protection. It also defines a demonstration as a prohibited area, which is defined as 15 or more people gathering in a public area.

**HB 5416** - I oppose this bill for the restriction of the number of handguns to be purchased in a thirty-day period. This will not reduce crime. It will be once again a unneeded burden put on the legal gun owner. As the demand for firearms become larger it makes sense to purchase when items are available, not when we meet a timeframe the state dictates. The title of this bill infers that a purchase of two firearms is a bulk purchase. This is not the definition of the word Bulk... two?

Thank You,  
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